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# LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SINGAPORE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On behalf of the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the States Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN on the elections in Cambodia.

I should be grateful if you could arrange to have the statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEW Tai Soo

Annex

STATEMENT BY ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE ELECTIONS IN CAMBODIA

1. We, the Foreign Ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), note with deep concern the attempts to disrupt the forthcoming elections in Cambodia.

2. We hold firmly that the elections should proceed as scheduled under the Paris Agreements.

3. We call on all the Cambodian parties to live up to the spirit of national reconciliation for the sake of Cambodia's sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and inviolability, neutrality and national unity. We again urge them to comply fully with all their obligations under the Paris Agreements. We regret that the Party of Democratic Kampuchea (Khmer Rouge) has chosen not to participate in the forthcoming elections.

4. We also call on all Cambodian parties to respect the result of the forthcoming elections as declared by the United Nations. We are ready to support fully the Constituent Assembly, the drafting of a Constitution and the formation of a new government, resulting from the elections in Cambodia.

5. We reiterate our full support for His Royal Highness Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and President of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, and for his pivotal role in achieving peace and national reconciliation in the period prior to, during and after the elections.

6. We deplore the acts of violence against the personnel of UNTAC. We call for the further strengthening of security measures for all UNTAC personnel including the International Polling Station Officers, electoral officials and United Nations volunteers. We further reaffirm our support for UNTAC and emphasize the need for all Member States of the United Nations contributing personnel to UNTAC to maintain their personnel in Cambodia as planned.

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